SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—(Minister for Labour).

(*a*) No. of Just about 500 bullock-carts with the requisite number of personnel to man them, have been drafted from the adjoining areas of Maharashtra for carrying sugarcane from the field to the factory as the Management could not get sufficient number of bullock-carts locally inspite of their best efforts.

(*b*) The management have been advised to prefer local persons.

UPPER BHIMA PROJECT IN AFZALPUR TALUK

342. SRI D. B. KALMANKAR (Afzalpur).—

Will the Minister of State for Major Irrigation be pleased to state:—

whether the Government proposes to take up the Upper Bhima Project in Afzalpur Taluk of Gulbarga District in order to develop the drought prone area permanently ?

SRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA (Minister of State for Major Irrigation).—

The project can be taken up only after the allocation of waters in the Krishna basin are settled.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANT

(1) Re : HARASSMENT TO WORKERS OF M/s. THAPAR INTRAFOR CO., OF INDIA LTD.,

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA.—I call the attention of the Minister for Public Works and Electricity to the harassment of workers of the M/s. Thapar Intrafor Co., of India Ltd., contractor in Kalinadi Hydro Electric Project.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—I wish to make the following statement.

It has been reported by M/s. Thapar Intrafor Company of India Ltd., contractors in the Kalinadi Hydro Electric Project, that a worker, Sri Palani employed by them on Heal Race Tunnel works at Surge adit met with a serious accident at about 9 A. M. on 28-8-1973. He was immediately given first aid treatment by the company's doctor at the works spot and was taken to the Government Hospital, Dandeli for further treatment. On the advice of the